

What is claimed is:

1. A method for manufacturing a nonvolatile memory on a substrate, said method comprising the steps of:

forming a tunneling dielectric layer on said substrate;

forming a first conductive layer on said tunneling dielectric layer;

patterning said first polysilicon layer, said tunneling dielectric layer and said substrate to form trenches therein;

forming a gap-filling material into said trenches and over said substrate;

removing a portion of said gap-filling material to form trench isolations and self-aligned first portion of a floating gate adjacent to said trench isolations;

etching a portion of said trench isolations to form slots between said etched first conductive layer;

forming a second conductive layer over a surface of said slots and said etched first conductive layer;

etching said second conductive layer, thereby forming sidewall spacers on said slot;

forming a second dielectric layer on said trench isolation, said sidewall spacers and said first conductive layer; and

forming a third conductive layer on said second dielectric layer to act as a control gate.

2. The method of Claim 1, further comprising forming a fourth conductive layer before forming said second conductive layer.

3. The method of Claim 1, wherein said tunneling dielectric layer comprises silicon oxide.

4. The method of Claim 1, wherein said second dielectric comprises ONO (oxide/nitride/oxide).

5. The method of Claim 1, wherein said second dielectric comprises ON (oxide/nitride).

6.The method of Claim 1, wherein said first conductive layer, second conductive layer, said third conductive layer are selected from polysilicon, alloy or metal.

7. A method for manufacturing a nonvolatile memory on a substrate, said method comprising the steps of:

forming a tunneling dielectric layer on said substrate;

forming a first conductive layer on said tunneling dielectric layer;

patterning said first polysilicon layer, said tunneling dielectric layer and said substrate to form trenches therein;

forming a gap-filling material into said trenches and over said substrate;

removing a portion of said gap-filling material to form trench isolations and self-aligned first portion of a floating gate adjacent to said trench isolations;

etching a portion of said trench isolations to form slots between said etched first conductive layer;

forming a second dielectric layer on said trench isolation and said first conductive layer; and

forming a second conductive layer on said second dielectric layer to act as a control gate.

8.The method of Claim 7, further comprising forming a third conductive layer before forming said second dielectric layer;

etching said third conductive layer to form sidewall spacers.

9.The method of Claim 7, wherein said tunneling dielectric layer comprises silicon oxide.

10.The method of Claim 7, wherein said second dielectric comprises ONO (oxide/nitride/oxide).

11.The method of Claim 7, wherein said second dielectric comprises ON (oxide/nitride).

12. The method of Claim 7, wherein said first conductive layer and said second conductive layer are selected from polysilicon, alloy or metal.